

NEWS AND COMMENTS.

Pungent Paragraphs Touching the Important Events of the Day.

Free rural delivery goes marching on. There are now 12,500 routes. There should be more.

The lower house of the Oregon legislature has just adopted a memorial favoring the election of United States senators by the people.

Liet. Gov. Tillman, of South Carolina, should petition the legislature to change his name. "Killman" would be much more appropriate.

The sultan of Morocco has purchased an automobile and his fanatical subjects are so incensed they are seeking to drive him from the country.

The immediate effect of the Venezuelan episode is to create a demand for a larger and better navy, an adequate army and an efficient national guard.

England and Germany will do well to take timely warning. Spain was kicked bodily out of the western continent, and your Uncle Samuel's boot is still in prime condition.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch facetiously remarks that it is absurd for men to talk about what they would do with a million dollars. They would undoubtedly buy coal.

An exchange says the biggest trust on earth has been discovered at last. It is the country newspaper trust. It trusts everybody, gets cussed for trusting, mistrusted for cussing, and if it busts for trusting, gets cussed for busting.

The triple alliance will kindly take notice that there are about eleven million men capable of bearing arms in defense of the United States. We also have a few ships that are still capable of doing a little business in an emergency.

The United States does not seek war with Germany, and the surest way to keep Germany from seeking war with us is to keep up a coast defense and naval armament that could defy German force. The Kaiser will not be anxious to try conclusions with a superior force.

A New York minister recently administered spiritual comfort to his congregation by a sermon on the lady and the lap dog. The reverend gentleman made the remarkable statement that society ladies of today think more of a dog than they do of their babies, and he possibly foresees an early extinction of the American race.

A Chicago jury in a recent murder case began deliberations with a prayer for guidance and light to reach a just and impartial verdict. Such a mode of procedure may be foreign to the average diplomat, but Minister Bowen might employ similar means to advantage by lassoing the British and German ambassadors and forcing them to their knees for a few moments of pious deliberation.

And now the Emperor of Germany has a new grievance. The American people in their simplicity do not enthuse with a cent over his proffered gift of a statue of Frederick the Great to be erected in Washington. It has been hinted that an intimation has been delicately conveyed to his imperial majesty that no tears would be shed if he kept his precious gift at home. And the Emperor is exceedingly wroth.

Congress will be called upon to appoint commission of three men expert in financial affairs to act as representatives of the United States in an international monetary conference on the lines indicated by China and Mexico, which is to the effect that governments who have dependencies where silver is used should co-operate with governments of silver using countries for formulating some plan for establishing a definite relationship between their gold and silver monies, and to take proper measure for maintaining such a relationship.

Overloaded railroads are a danger to life and property as overloaded ships. The indications are strong that the railroads of the country are nearly if not quite all overloaded at the present time, and that they have been in that condition for two or three years past. Not only is this true, but there is a burdensome congestion in the freight carrying business of the trunk lines of the country. A few days ago there were enough freight cars congested in Chicago to reach a straight line from Chicago to Philadelphia, and every car loaded to the limit. The great increase in the freight traffic of the country has become a serious problem with the railroad companies, as it is impossible to secure enough engines to haul the trains.

FEB. 21,

MARCH 7.

13 DAYS MID-WINTER SPECIAL SALE.

Not having the sales anticipated last month on account of the bad weather and bad roads, I have concluded to have a Mid-Winter Special Sale and give the people of Laclede and vicinity a chance to supply themselves with what winter goods they need at a very low price. My stock is large and complete in every department.

Commencing Saturday, Feb. 21; Ending Saturday, March 7.

Men's and Boys' Suits.

I have some good Bargains in Clay Worsteds. \$10.00 Suits will be sold at this sale for \$7.18.

1 lot men's heavy Casimer Suits, that sell everywhere at 10.00; they will be sold for \$7.58. Don't pass this Bargain.

Another lot of men's heavy Casimer Suits, that will be sold at this sale if I can get an offer. Former price was 8.00 you can make a reasonable offer and they will be wrapped up.

I have a great many Suits in my Stock that for the want of space I can not go into detail in describing them and prices. They will be sold for 2.00 up.

Now, in odd Coats I have quite a pile of them that I am able to give you some very Low Prices. I can give a good heavy Casimer Coat for 1.82, that came out of suits that sold for 6.00. Clay Worsteds Frock Coat that is all wool, came out of a 10.00 suit, that I will sell you at this sale at 2.63. Don't fail to see those Bargains in Coats.

A spring line of men's Pants, made by some of the best factories in the country. Sterling Pants, made at Farmington, Iowa, everybody knows what they are. Every fiber in them is guaranteed to be wool, that has been selling at 3.50, will be offered at this sale at 2.37.

1 lot Pants made in Mayfield, Kentucky, by the Marit Pant Company that have been selling all winter at 1.50 a pair, will close out this lot at 90c.

Youths' and Child's Clothing.

1 lot Black Worsted Suits, in ages from 8 to 12, former price was 7.50, will be sold at 4.37. Don't miss this as they are Bargains.

1 lot stripped Worsted Suits, that has been sold in every town in the county at 9.00, will be offered at sale for 6.50.

1 lot youths' Casimer Suits, two pieces, former price was 2.50, will go at this sale for 1.62.

1 lot child's Suits, three pieces, fancy vest, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 7, former price was 2.50, will be sold at 1.57. This is a great Bargain in little gents' Suits, be sure and see them.

1 lot child's Coats, sizes run from 4 to 7—the great Bargain of the whole list of Clothing. Some of them have large white pearl buttons on them that will sell for as much as is asked for the Coat—48c.

A nice line of boys' Overcoats that will be Bargains as the price will be cut in two at this sale. It will pay you to buy them now and put them away for next winter.

A lot of boys' Cordroy Knee Pants, ranging in ages from 4 to 7, at 36c a pair.

Another lot boys' Cordroy Knee Pants, ranging in ages from 7 to 15, at 44c a pair. Also another lot of boys' Knee Pants in a great variety, ranging from 4 to 15, in astonishing Low Prices.

Hosiery.

In Hosiery I have the Iron Clad kind, knit in Des. Moines, Iowa. No better make on the market.

Ladies Black fleece lined, ribbed Hose, former price 20c will be sold at this sale at 12c.

Same brand of Hose in boys' and misses' that will be sold at same price.

A nice lot ladies' Hose, well shopped ankle, sold before this sale at 10c straight, will be cleared out at this sale for a nickel and 3 pennies.

1 lot ladies fast black Hose, good weight and good values, for 4c.

Men's heavy Rockford Socks will be sold at this sale for 7c a pair, and an endless lot of men's Socks at 4c. Get a pair.

Men's fancy Hose from 5c to 50c a pair, in all colors. The price will be cut down 50 per cent. Could give you prices but the space that I have to use will not permit.

Corsets.

I have the strongest line in town, the F C Corset, made in Kalamazoo, Mich., that has no equal in value and fitting qualities, that will be sacrificed at this great sale. 25c Corsets will be sold at 21c; 50c Corsets at 41c; 75c Corsets at 55c. Don't fail to get of these bargains.

Ladies' Underwear.

I have a good Stock coming at 4c per Garment and up.

Men's Underwear.

I have a good assortment of Underwear in all sizes—Heavy fleece lined Shirts and Drawers that that sell all over the land at 50c each, will be sacrificed at 38c.

Also another lot fleece lined, ribbed, sold before this sale at 35c, that will be sold at this sale for 22c.

Work Shirts and Overalls—a big line that will be sold at this sale for 40c. Former price was 50c—don't fail to see them.

Laces and Embroidery.

I have a good Stock, good designs and very cheap. Don't overlook this Stock of Embroideries. All that have bought of me heretofore know that they are very cheap.

Muslin.

Brown and Bleached Muslin in good variety—Our own LL, a good one, 36 inches wide, and good Muslin, 4c per yard, former price was 6c. 10 yard limited.

In Bleached Muslin, Lonsdale, 8c, Fruit of the Loom 8c, 10 yards limit; Hope 7c.

1 lot Bleached Muslin, Golden Cross, 36 inches wide, good Goods and good value at 5c per yard.

Men's Shoes.

I have a strong line and of as good makes as there are in the country.

1 lot good work Shoes that will stand the strictest inspection, for 1.10; former price 1.50. Not a better work Shoe in the country for the price.

1 lot men's Box calf, a high grade Shoe that no merchant has anything better at the price—2.40. Former price was 3.50. Don't turn this Shoe down as they are great values at the price offered at.

I also have a large harvest of others Shoes that are good values and a very low price. For want of space I can not describe them all. You would know better than I can tell you when you see them.

In Rubber Goods I have a large Stock men's Felt, men's Artics, men's Allaskas, men's Sandals that will be knifed at this sale. This is the time for me to let them go.

I also have everything in women's Rubber footwear that will be sold at this sale.

Ladies Shoes.

I have a large line to select from.

1 lot ladies Shoes, fine looking and will give good service, that will be sold at 90c, former price 1.50. The best Shoe Bargain that I have.

1 lot ladies high-grade Kid Shoes that has been selling before this sale at 3.50, you can buy them at this sale at 2.38.

1 lot Patent leather Shoes, that was good sellers last season for 3.00, you can get them now at 1.92. Great Bargains.

Clothing.

I have the strongest line that was ever in town. Everything that men and boys wear.

1 lot Beaver Overcoats 8.87, former price was 12.00.

1 lot Overcoats 7.37, former price was 10.00.

1 lot light colored Overcoats, last winter's price was 8.00, they will be sold at this sale at 5.00.

1 lot Overcoats 2.50, former price was 3.75.

1 lot boys Overcoats from 1.00 to 3.00 that are the best bargains in the Clothing Department.

Children's Shoes.

I have the best makes that are in the country district, No. 76, made in St. Joseph, Mo., everybody that has bought them will tell you that they can not be beat for service. For the want of space in this bill I can not give you prices on them, but they have the knife put in them. Like the rest they must be sold to make room for the spring stock that will be coming in soon.

I have other brands of child's School Shoes that I can give you very low prices on—new goods, 5 to 8, 71c, former price 1.00; 8 to 10, 1.10, former price 1.50. Also a lot of good values 12 to 2, 1.10; and a lot of odds and ends of Shoes at your price, all sizes. Come and look them over.

Men's Suspenders.

I have some great Bargains in Men's Suspenders.

1 lot men's 36 inch Suspenders at 5c. Great Bargains.

1 lot full length Suspenders at 6c, former price was 10c.

1 lot 25 and 35 inch Suspenders will be sold at this sale at 18c.

Big lot of 50c and 75c Suspenders be started at 36c per pair at this sale. Don't forget to get a nice Sunday Suspender from this lot while they last.

Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps.

I will give some of the greatest Bargains at this sale that was ever offered in the country on Hats and Caps. Call and see them.

1 lot men's fine wool Hats that everybody asks 75c for will be knocked down at this sale at 33c. The greatest Hat Bargain ever offered at any sale.

1 lot men's Fur Hats, good styles and shapes, has been selling every where at 1.50 this season. Come and look at them.

I have them in all kinds and varieties—Brockton, Winers, Goffs and all of the late things are going at from 22c to 1.10.

Cotton and Outing Flannels.

I am in it on Cotton Flannels and Outing Flannels.

1 lot of dark Plaid and Strips that runs in 3 to 5 yard pieces, just the thing for children's clothes, and will be sold at this sale at per yard. Come quick if you want any of it as it wont last long at the price. I have great Bargains in other Outing Flannels that you can get in any quantity that you want.

I have a good Stock of Cotton Flannels in any weight that you want that will be sold at first Cash at this sale.

Blankets.

I have a lot of all wool Blankets that sold last winter at 4.00, but I will sell them this winter at 2.50.

1 lot heavy 10x4 Cotton Blankets, that has been selling at 1.25, but will be disposed of at this sale for 99c.

1 lot Cotton Blankets 10x4, sold all fall and winter at 50c, I will let you have what is left of them at 44c.

Also 1 lot of Bed Comforts, good weight, large size, nicely made, been selling all winter at 1.00, but will be closed out at 88c.

Cash Sale in Grocery Dep.

Granulated Sugar 20 pounds for 1.00.

Chillicothe Superior Flour 50 pound sack at 1.00, sold before this sale at 1.15;

Chillicothe City Mills 90c, sold before the sale at 1.00. two sacks limit.

Corn Meal 10c a sack.

Dry Salt Bacon 11c pound, 10 pound limit.

Lard 11c a pound, 10 pound limit.

Arbuckle Coffee 10c a paper, 5 pound limit.

Bulk Roasted Coffee, a good one 10c pound, 10 pounds limit.

Rice 5c, good and clean, the 8c kind.

3 pound can Tomatoes, standard grade, 10c per can, two cans limit.

3 pound can Pumpkin, standard grade, 6c.

1 pound Boston baked Beans in tomato sauce, 4c a can.

3 pound can standard Pie Peaches, 7c.

1 gallon Sider Vinegar, 15c.

Sorghum Molasses, fine quality, 30c a gallon.

Mixed Candy 6c a pound. Come boys and get filled up.

1 pound good Imperial Tea, 25c a pound, 1 pound limit.

1 pound Arm and Hammer Soda 6c.

Crockery and Tinware.

I can give you some great Bargains:

1 gallon Tin Oil Can 10c.

1 gallon Glass Jacket Oil Can 20c.

1 set white granite handled Teas 35c.

1 set 7 inch white granite Plates 40c.

1 lot 7 inch Round Napper (deep dish) 10c a piece.

1 lot 7 inch Bakers, (vegetable dish) 10c a piece.

1 lot white granite Bowels and Pitchers 75c each.

1 lot white granite Wash Bowels 40c.

I have not space to give you all of the items and pieces of everything in my store, but everything will be sold at cost in both departments for cash for 13 days. All that ever attended my sales know that they are on the square.

Walking Skirts.

I have a good line that I will make a great sacrifice to get them out.

1 lot of Skirts all wool made by the Diamond Skirt Co. of Kalamazoo, Mich., price was 6.50, will let them go at 4.50.

1 lot ladies all wool Walking Skirts, that sold before this sale at 5.00, will sell at this sale at 3.50.

Ladies black Italian cloth Under-skirts that will be sacrificed at this special sale.

1 lot of Skirts at 1.87, former price was 2.50.

1 lot of Skirts at 2.10, former price 3.50.

1 lot of Skirts at 1.65, former price was 2.75.

Also have a nice lot Summer Skirts that I will offer at a very low price.

1 lot Skirts at 1.28, former price was 1.75.

1 lot of Skirts at 96c, former price was 1.25.

Remnant.

Called Mills ends, consisting of Prints, Gingham, Table Linens, Outing Flannels and such.

PRINTS will be sold at 3 and 4c.

7c Bargains.

1 pair ladies black cotton Hose.

1 pair men's heavy Rockford Socks.

1 pair Dress Shields.

1 piece of 12yds cotton Tarshaw Lace.

1 bank Yarn.

1 Handkerchief, and other piece goods.

1 Child's Gingham Bonnet.

Gloves & Mitts.

I have a large Stock men's, boys' and ladies' in great variety that will be sacrificed at this sale.

Linens.

I have a good line in Table Linens, Napkins, Towels and other Linen goods that will be sold at this Sale.

Cotton Goods.

I have Denims, Bed Ticking, Shirt-ing, Apron Gingham and other Cotton stuffs.

4c Bargain.

1 box face powder.

1 gent's linen collar.

1 pair ladies fast black hose.

1 pair men's Rockford socks.

1 pair arm bands.

1 pair baby hose supporters.

1 bottle Hoyts dime Cologne.

1 tooth brush.

1 fine comb.

1 reding comb, 7 inch long.

1 paper brass pins.

1 money purse.

3c Bargains.

1 ladies vest.

1 round comb.

1 spool San silk.

1 curling iron.

1 steel thimble.

1 card safty pins.

1 paper sewing needles.

1 wooden keg hair pins.

1c bargains.

1 paper admonition pins.

1 spool sewing thread.

1 card shirt buttons.

1 handkerchief.

1 pencil tablet.

1 pencil, rubber in end.

1 thimble.

1 crochet hook bone.

1 pen holder.

No rebate tickets will be given out, or premium cards punch during this sale. Thanking you all for your patronage, I am,

Yours Truly,

J. N. WILSON, Laclede, Mo.